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SUBJECT: ZACHRISSON OPENS STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM PEACE

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

SUMMARY: EDUCATION MINISTER ZACHRISSON, WHO IS FORMER CHAIRMAN OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINA, OPENED INTERNATIONAL MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE CONFERENCE WITH BRIEF, CAUTIOUSLY-WORDED SPEECH CALLING FOR MOBILIZING OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION TO BRING ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND RESTORATION OF PEACE TO VIETNAM. ZACHRISSON DOES NOT MENTION U.S. OR CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF PRG BUT ATTACKS GVN AS UNREPRESENTATIVE AND OPPRESSIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. BERTIL ZACHRISSON, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF STOCKHOLM

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CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM AND NOW EDUCATION MINISTER, OPENED

"INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM" WITH A CAUTIOUSLY-WORDED TEN-MINUTE SPEECH. HE DID NOT MENTION US NOR CALL FOR PRG RECOGNITION.

2. AFTER INTRODUCTION ASSERTING VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S LONGING FOR PEACE ZACHRISSON SET FORTH THEME AND PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE AS FOLLOWS: "BUT THE WAR IS NOT OVER. THERE IS NO PEACE IN VIETNAM EVEN IN SENSE OF MERE ABSENCE OF WAR. PARIS AGREEMENT IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED. ON CONTRARY, IT'S BEING SABOTAGED BY THIEU REGIME AND ITS SUPPORTERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE VIETNAM... IT IS MATTER OF ... URGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL OPINION AGAINST THE WARFARE IN INDOCHINA TO BE SUSTAINED. ALL FRIENDS OF PEOPLE OF INDOCHINA MUST SINGLEMINDEDLY AND PERSISTENTLY WORK FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND HELP PREVENT THOSE WHO, FOR SAKE OF PRESTIGE OR ECONOMIC GAIN, WOULD RENEW THE CONFLICT FROM GETTING THEIR OWN WAY."

3. LAST PART OF SPEECH CONTAINS ATTACK ON GVN WITH EMPHASIS ON ALLEGED 200,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SUPPOSED "SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS IN SAIGON." IN CONCLUSION ZACHRISSON SAID: "GIVEN THIS SITUATION IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYBODY DESIROUS OF PEACE IN VIETNAM TO SUPPORT PRG AND OTHER POPULAR AND PEACEFUL FORCES IN VIETNAM AND THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA."

4. APROPOS OF PRG RECOGNITION ISSUE, PRIMIN PALME, MEETING WITH UMEA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MARCH 25, WAS ASKED WHY GOS DID NOT RECOGNIZE PRG. LOCAL UMEA NEWSPAPER QUOTED PALME AS REPLYING: "WE HAVE OUR REASONS. AND WE HAVE MADE THEM KNOWN TO THE VIETNAMESE, WHO UNDERSTAND THEM FULLY. WE CAN SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY WITH VIETNAM'S PEOPLE APRIL 8 WHEN MY OLD LETTER-FRIEND, PHAM VAN DONG, COMES ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT." END UNCLASSIFIED.

COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS AT CONFERENCE, WHICH CONVENED WITHOUT A WORD OF ADVANCE PUBLICITY IN SWEDISH PRESS THIS WEEK. A SQUAD OF PRO-GVN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE OLD PARLIAMENT BUILDING AT CONFERENCE OPENING, ARRANGED BY GVN INFORMATION OFFICE HERE, ASSURED THAT CONFERENCE'S PUBLICITY DROUGHT WILL END TODAY.
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